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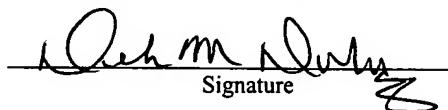
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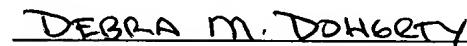
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 3, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.